REMARKS

The claims have been amended to place them in more traditional U.S. format and to avoid improper multiple dependency.

Examination of claims 1-45 is requested.

Our check for \$350.00 for the extra claims is enclosed. If there is any additional fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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